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## *A Place for Belonging*

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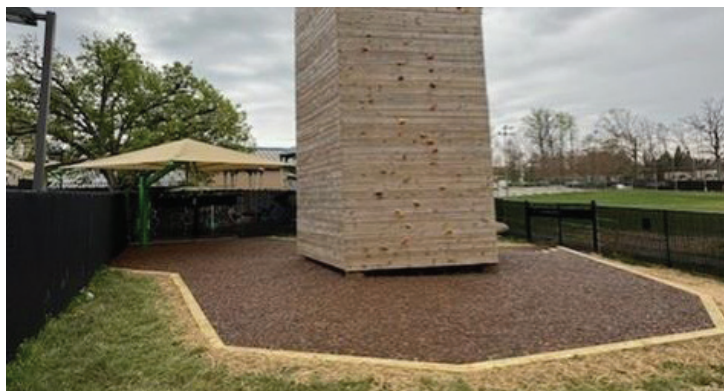
Impact Report

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024





The Bender JCC relies on the generosity of the community for 25 percent of our annual budget. Each year, we provide \$400,000 in financial assistance to ensure that our programs and services are open to all. This report highlights the meaningful impact that Bender JCC programs and events have on the community.



## ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVES

The climbing tower that was installed on our campus in 2021 is accessible for campers with disabilities, but the grassy area surrounding the tower was difficult for anyone with mobility challenges to navigate. Through the generosity of the Robert I. Schattner Foundation and Carol and Robert Burman, that area has been covered by accessible rubber flooring that is commonly used as a playground surface.



## CARING FOR SENIORS

"At 96 years old, my dad resides with me and my husband. Most days he sleeps late, but Wednesday is different — it's Dad's JCC day. After an invigorating workout, music fills the air, or speakers share wisdom and stories. Then a delicious healthy kosher lunch is served. The Selma Sweetbaum Senior Nutrition Program is a lifeline."  
— Daughter of a nutrition program participant



## CELEBRATING ISRAEL

At our Israel at 76 program, 1,000 community members came together to celebrate Israel for the first time since October 7. More than 1,000 people attended the event that was a balance of joy, somberness and reflection. All generations were engaged by the vast array of activities and experiences. Enhanced security procedures provided comfort to attendees.



## STRENGTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

The Lids Foundation has partnered with the Bender JCC to provide funding to support our Lessans Camp JCC scholarship program. In keeping with their mission to enable community members of all ages to live more active, healthy and productive lives, the Foundation's generous support enriched the lives of many campers who otherwise would not have had the means to attend our nationally-recognized camp.

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# Delivering Good Network

Social Action at the Bender JCC



**1,364**

**HOURS OF SERVICE**



**70 Lbs**

**OF VEGETABLE FOR THANKSGIVING PREPPED**



**200 Lbs**

**REMOVED FROM WATERWAYS**



**2,237**

**SUMMER FUN PACKS**

stocked supply bags for under resourced summer programs

**850**

**LUNCHES PACKED**



for local food distributions



**4,903**

**INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF SERVICE**



**500**

**ORAL CARE KITS**



**849**

**VOLUNTEERS**



## Kesher Nir Oz

Over Shavuot, the JCC partnered with local synagogues to welcome dozens of October 7 victims and their families from Kibbutz Nir Oz for a meaningful day of community, relaxation, fun and a shared dinner by the pool.



## Changemakers

In its inaugural year, this program empowered 10 tweens to complete 650 individual acts of service and dedicate 230 hours to impactful volunteer work in our community. Their efforts supported local non-profit organizations such as the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Leveling the Playing Field, Lifeline Horse Farm, Revitz House, and Habitat for Humanity.

## Mural painting at So What Else

DGN volunteers partnered with So What Else to enhance their new warehouse space by helping paint a vibrant mural, adding color and creativity to their mission-driven environment.



## Mitzvah Minute

DGN set up in the lobby this year and asked our patrons if they "had a minute to do a mitzvah?" This allowed us to create 150 period kits to donate to I Support the Girls.





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